

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 13, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 8:33 a.m. in the Port Auditorium of the Georgia Ports Authority in Garden City on October 13th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Ports Authority, Pest Risk Committee, GPCA, and CPCO, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion, and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the search for a new Department Head of the Department of Entomology. The position has been advertised, with a closing date of December 2015. Comments to the search committee are welcomed. The search for a new Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is ongoing.
- F. Dr. Forschler explained that many states, including Georgia, do not mandate school integrated pest management (SIPM), but university extension services frequently offer assistance for schools interested in IPM. He discussed a recent call received by the National Pesticide Information Center from an anonymous school employee in Georgia who was concerned about pesticide safety. Mr. Sinyard suggested drafting a letter to the Georgia Superintendent of Schools in regards to this issue. Dr. Forschler will review and present options for contacting the Georgia Department of Education at the Commission meeting in November 2015.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He discussed the Department's multi-level preparation for incidence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Georgia. The likelihood of HPAI cases in Georgia will decrease after November, but will rise again in early spring. Mr. Gray also discussed the Georgia National Fair being held in Perry from October 8-18th, 2015, and the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie from October 20-22nd, 2015.
- H. Mr. Gray mentioned that the proposed revisions to the U.S. EPA Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule (40 CFR 171) are currently in the comment period, which ends November 28th, 2015. Commissioner Gary Black has expressed his concerns over the proposed changes to the Georgia Congressional Delegation. The Commission will prepare and submit comments to the agency.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed a statewide field operation targeting expired licenses. Department inspectors completed 87 license renewal inspections in two weeks. He also mentioned the U.S. EPA's focus on regulatory oversight of structural fumigation, due in part to the recent incidents in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Florida. Mr. Lastinger will report the number of structural fumigations in Georgia at the November Commission meeting. He also shared that the Department met with representatives of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding licensing regulations for wildlife control in and around structures. He provided the language to be placed on DNR's licensing website to inform permit holders that they will need to obtain a license with the Department if they provide structural pest control inspection and/or control of pests such as mice, rats or insects. DNR plans to host booths at the upcoming GPCA and CPCO conferences.

- J. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He stated that the Vice President of Operations of NPMA plans to communicate with ASCPRO to discuss the impact of the proposed revisions to the U.S. EPA Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule if finalized. He also mentioned that OSHA is reconsidering the definition of “confined space,” and may classify crawlspaces as confined spaces. This would necessitate the presence of two people when entering a crawlspace.
- K. Mr. Gorecki proposed sending the Commission’s comments to U.S. EPA on the proposed revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki will work on compiling comments and contacting UGA Extension for their input.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed potential locations for Commission meetings in the upcoming calendar year. The January 2016 Commission meeting will take place in Athens, Georgia.
- M. Mr. Lastinger suggested revising the Commission’s Underfloor Ventilation Fact Sheet to reference the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (402.2.9) regarding insulation of perimeter walls. He also proposed the inclusion of diagrams that illustrate the requirements. The Commission will compose and review the fact sheet before the next Commission meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Welcome – Georgia Ports of Authority

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. DNR Wildlife and GDA Licensing outreach effort
- e. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- f. Planning for 2016 Commission activities
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Critter Shield LLC – Sandy Springs
- Cybex Pest Solutions – Canton
- Sea Coast Exterminating – Port Wentworth (Sub Office)
- Knox Pest Control – Bainbridge

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- After Hours Pest Control – Evans County (insurance).
- Allen's Pest Solutions – Tift County (insurance).
- Northwest Exterminating – Dekalb County (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Oconee County (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Morgan County (insurance).